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SUPPLEMNTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

The current Supplemental Examiner's Amendment is to correct the inadvertent typographic error

in the PTO-37 in that the allowed claim 43 is missing in the allowed claims.

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-31, 33-37, 39-44, 148-149 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to BAO LI whose telephone number is (571)272-0904. The

examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Zachariah Lucas can be reached on 571-272-0905. The fax phone number for the

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